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## Benefit concert for the Aruba Scholarship Foundation on November 22



Clive Harms, Eric d'Arnault and Etley Lasten, of the ASF Board of Directors

Board members of the Aruba Scholarship Foundation, (ASF) led by President Clyde Harms, announced a fundraising concert to take place on Monday, November 22 to help them continue their work of financing higher education for Aruban youth.

ASF began presenting its first scholarships in 1988. Landmark efforts of the ASF include establishing a relationship with the University of Central Florida (UCF) to allow Aruban students to attend the university under the Latin American/Caribbean Scholarship Program known as LAC, which allows the same tuition as Florida residents.

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## Aruban Government wins case to allow negotiations for Bushiri Resort site



Aruba's first all-inclusive resort and original hotel school, The Bushiri Beach Resort, has sat unoccupied for nearly ten years, deteriorating into a state of ruin. The last managers for the resort were the Lowenstein Group of Fresno, owners of the Holiday Inn building and surrounding property. They closed the resort for good after negotiations with the administration at that time to purchase and renovate could not be finalized.

A number of tourism development groups such as Sol Melia have showed serious interest in the property over the past ten years; agreements could not be reached with the previous administration. For a number of years the government has been spending money on security to prevent the building from being occupied by the homeless. However, in that time it suffered a

fire and extensive vandalism.

Finally, the present administration was in what appears to be serious negotiation with Baron Investment, which had expressed definitive interest in developing the site for a Hilton Hotel. The Fresno group brought an injunction a number of years ago to prevent the sale of the property, and the present administration under direction of Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber, took the case to the court to release the property from this injunction.

Yesterday afternoon, November 4, the decision was handed down and the Aruban Government won their case. The judge declared Fresno has 24 hours to lift the injunction allowing negotiation for the development of the property to continue and hopefully be finalized.

*By Rosalie Klein*



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### At least 20 dead in Costa Rica mudslide



Inhabitants of the San Antonio de Escazu village carry a corpse pulled from the rubble of a house.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AFP) - A huge mudslide triggered by heavy rain crashed yesterday into homes near the mountainous Costa Rican capital, killing at least 20 people and leaving

12 others missing, rescue officials said.

A wave of mud and rocks rushed down the Pico Blanco hill at dawn and slammed into some 30 homes in San Antonio de Escazu, a southwestern suburb of San Jose, said the National Commission on Emergencies (CNE).

"They are now talking about 20 people dead," CNE spokesman Reinaldo Carballo, told AFP.

Rescuers scoured the area for 12 others missing among upturned cars, washing machines and twisted sheets of tin roofing material, all buried helter-skelter in mud that in places was waist-deep.

Landslides affected other parts of the city but there were no victims, said Red Cross spokesman Freddy Roman.

President Laura Chinchilla urged that search and rescue efforts be left to trained professionals, amid reports civilians were digging around, slowing down crews already hampered in their work by driving rain.

"Even women and children are getting involved in the rescue effort... it's our duty to protect their lives," Chinchilla told a press conference in San Jose.

The president said the landslide had damaged main water supply lines and the government was setting up a truck delivery system to speed supplies to some 700,000 people across the country lacking potable water.

Chinchilla said her government was turning to "friendly countries" and international financial institutions like the InterAmerican Development Bank and World Bank for financial help to deal with the disaster.

Schools were closed in several Costa Rican cities, including the San Jose metropolitan area, due to heavy rain over the past 48 hours. Several towns along the country's Pacific coast were flooded and isolated.

### Haitians seek to evacuate tent cities in path of storm



Haitian earthquake survivors and relatives of Premio Samdi (R) are seen at the entrance of their tent while he strengthens it in preparation for Tropical Storm Tomas

CORAIL CSESSELESSE CAMP, Haiti (AFP) - Thousands of refugees yesterday were refusing to leave Haiti's squalid tent cities despite official warnings to evacuate as a deadly storm bore down on the Caribbean nation.

Haitian authorities and non-governmental organizations were rushing to try to get people to safety and secure vital stocks of medicines and goods before the arrival of tropical storm Tomas.

The storm, which has already killed 14 people in Saint Lucia, a two in Curaçao, is set to sweep past Haiti early today bringing heavy rains and winds, and adding more misery to the lives of 1.3 million people left homeless by January's quake.

Refugees were being urged to seek shelter in schools and hospitals, but many fear that if they leave the overcrowded, putrid camps they will lose the only home they have as well as their few precious possessions.


Although the eye of the storm is on track to miss Haiti and hit Guantanamo in southeastern Cuba, US weather experts said the outer bands of Tomas would still dump between five to 10 inches (12 to 25 centimeters) of rain over much of the country.

"These rains could cause life-threatening flash floods

and mud slides over mountainous terrain," the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said.

The storm was already packing winds of 50 miles (85 kilometers) an hour which were set to strengthen in the coming hours. And the center also warned of the dangers of high waves and storm surges along the coast.

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## Discussing economic incentives for the other side of the bridge Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar meets with merchants of San Nicolas



ORANJESTAD — Recently, Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar met with the San Nicolas Business Association in order to get a better insight about their incentives and ideas for San Nicolas. She also offered her help in their plight. During the meeting, the organization of San Nicolas businesses and surroundings put emphasis on the challenges they confront for doing business in that area. Among others, the

difficulty to obtain bank loans to start a businesses in San Nicolas, government departments who advice merchants not to invest in San Nicolas, etc.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar expressed her satisfaction with the optimism that reigns among the SNBA members; they want to make a change in the area.

The members together with Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar reviewed the SWOT analysis on the opportunities and defi-

ciencies of doing business in San Nicolas and how to improve them.

New ideas were presented to encourage businesses to stay open at a later hour. The government and the SNBA together made a list of ideas that can be executed in a short time and others to be executed on the long run.

The meeting was very enlightening and took place in San Nicolas, during a luncheon at the Amazing Restaurant.

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Since this installation of this program, over six million florin has been saved on school fees for island youth.

Clyde, a well-known patron of the arts, had explained the workings of ASF to the internationally renowned musical group, "La Cuadra Venezolana" upon making their acquaintance, and the group volunteers to give a concert on Aruba while making a tour of the other ABC islands of Curaçao and Bonaire.

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and types of music and culture. Their lively program ranges from traditional music of the region to their innovative and contemporary interpretation for a unique blending of the musical influences.

The concert will be in the Crystal Theater at the Renaissance Mall in Oranjestad, which has been donated by Meta Corp. Aruba Trading Company is providing fine wine and snacks prior to the concert and during intermission. A donation is 90 Aruban florins, (\$50,) which includes admission, wine and snacks and will assist the ASF to continue their important work. Tickets are available at Aruba Trading Company and Crystal Theater in Oranjestad, Ami Laundry and the Play Linda Beach Resort.

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## Luxurious Caribbean Cinemas Megaplex 8 opens at Palm Beach Plaza



Robert Carrady of Caribbean Cinemas, Minister Dowers and Ashok Ramchandani cut the ribbon



Aruba has a new multiplex movie theater which officially opened its doors at the Palm Beach Plaza Mall yesterday. Owner Ashok Ramchandani proudly welcomed President of the Caribbean Cinemas franchise, Robert Carrady to join in the ribbon cutting on the elegant new cinemas with Aruba's Minister of Justice and Education Arthur Dowers, during a gala celebration on Wednesday evening. Partners in the enterprise observed the island tradition of making a



A field trip to the movies for Imeldahoff children

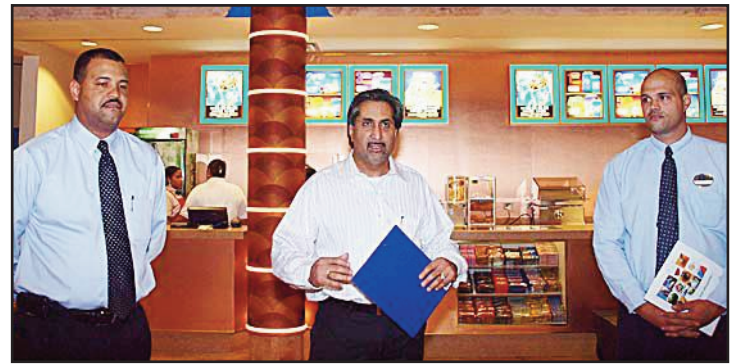
charitable donation on the successful completion of such a venture by awarding the children of the Imeldahoff home a day at the movies.

Eight auditoriums range in size from intimate "art theater" ambiance to spectacular stadium-sized rooms which host the 3-D films, for a total of 1400 comfortably contoured reclining seats. This week, Dreamworks' "Magamind" will entertain all ages or "Jackass 3:3D" for the eternal child, will be screening in the two 3D rooms.

An enormous game room is located in the theater lobby and the Palm Beach Plaza multiplex has a beautiful party room featuring the work of noted local artist Timothy Charles. The management offers a very attractive package for birthday parties which deploy these facilities and their full service snack concession. Party packages include pizza or hot dogs, use of the party room, a movie with popcorn and soft drink for each child, tokens for the game room, invitations and an activities coordinator.

The theater has been decorated in a charming tropical island motif with pop art palms and appropriate colors. One can save time and not worry about rushing to make curtain time by dining in the theater on an innovative menu, for a cinema, of sushi, wraps and well stuffed, fresh made deli sandwiches. The concession stand also offers cold Heineken and a selection of fine wines, aside from reasonably priced snack packages of favorite film fare.

Caribbean Cinemas boasts the largest screens on Aruba to further immerse patrons in the film experience, plus, according to Ashok, "The most advance sound systems on the island." The multiplex is also equipped to handle both digital and 35mm film, which broadens their selection of inventory.



Ashok and his theater managers

Theater owners promise a "complete sensory experience" using both visual and auditory state of the art technology, which is just in time to provide a perfect venue to fully enjoy

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The first all-passenger ship, the Tradewind, called in Aruba for the first time in 1957. A BBQ with entertainment was organized at the Aruba Palm Beach Club, a private club then located in the now-empty area next to the Westin Resort, to welcome the cruise passengers and also to introduce the first luxury hotel, the Aruba Caribbean Hotel, then under construction, which opened in 1959. It is now the completely renovated Radisson Aruba Caribbean Resort.

It was the Santa Rosa and the Santa Paula of the international steamship company, Grace Line, that began regular Thursday visits to Aruba in 1958 and introduced the island to passengers from the United States. The ships sailed from New York stopping at Curaçao, La Quaira (Venezuela), Aruba, Kingston (Jamaica), Port-of-Prince (Haiti), Fort Everglades (Florida).

The luxurious new Santa Rosa made her first call to Aruba with a full complement of 200 passengers and the crew of 250 and were escorted into the harbor by a large number of motor and sailing vessels. The passengers were offered Aruba

cocktails, a special tropical drink of coconut milk and gin. Touring the ship was possible between 5 pm and 8 pm. and was visited by thousands. The \$25 million dollar ship was 584 feet long, measured 20,000 tons with a cruising speed of 20 knots. Her sister ship, Santa Paula, followed her in late 1958.

Advertisements for the cruise boasted "glass-enclosed promenade decks, orchestra, music and dancing, veranda café, swimming pool and social hall." Passengers often debarked in Aruba and stayed for a week or two at The Carib and boarded the next Grace Line ship for their return voyage.

In comparison to today's visitors, those passengers dressed "for the occasion". Gowns and tuxedos were worn for evening activities at the hotel.

For shopping in town, men wore long pants and shirts; women skirts, blouses and summer dresses. T-shirts were worn only under a shirt for men; shorts on the tennis court. Flip-flops did not exist. It was an elegant time.

Hundreds and hundreds of thousands of tourists learned about Aruba by arriving on a cruise ship. Touring the island, site-seeing, indulging in water sports induced them to return and stay at the growing number of hotels and participating in time share resorts. It was and still is a foundation for the tourism product and the economy of the island.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 1970, a visitor and his family were returning to the U.S. from a vacation in Aruba. As a result of that vacation one of great inventions for travelers was born. Bernard D. Sadow, from Massachusetts, was struggling with two heavy suitcases when he "observed a worker effortlessly rolling a heavy machine on a wheeled skid". According to New York Times travel columnist, Joe Sharkey, Mr. Sadow, who owned a company that made luggage, when he got back to work took the casters off a wardrobe trunk, mounted them on a big travel suitcase, put a strap on the front and pulled it. At age 85, he still holds the patent, Rolling Luggage # 3,653,474. Ah, Aruba

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## Fur flies over Dutch ruling on Hello Kitty rabbit



rabbit character Cathy too closely resembled Miffy, a popular Dutch rabbit character.

A court in Amsterdam ruled on Tuesday that Sanrio's Cathy, depicted as a friend of the popular feline Hello Kitty, infringed on the copyright for Miffy, a well-known and beloved Dutch character created by Dick Bruna.

The ruling called for an immediate halt to the production, sale and marketing of Cathy goods in the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, and or-

TOKYO, Japan — Sanrio, the maker of Hello Kitty character goods, said on Thursday it planned to object to a Dutch court ruling that its

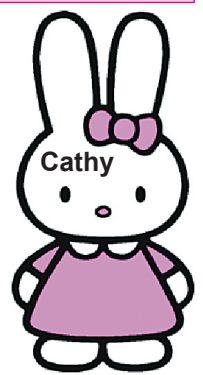
dered Sanrio to pay 25,000 euros (\$35,360) a day in the event of non-compliance, up to a total of 2 million euros.

"We object to this ruling and do not believe any copyright infringement took place, a view we intend to express legally," Sanrio said in a statement. "At this point, we believe any impact on company earnings will be limited."

A Sanrio spokesman said the company believed the ruling equaled a temporary injunction under the Japanese legal system but declined to

give further details, citing the possibility of future legal action.

Miffy, a small female rabbit, was created in 1955 by Bruna and has since appeared in scores of books and inspired a television series, as well as clothes and other character goods.



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## Sci-Tech

# Scientists unveil new method to create bioartificial organs

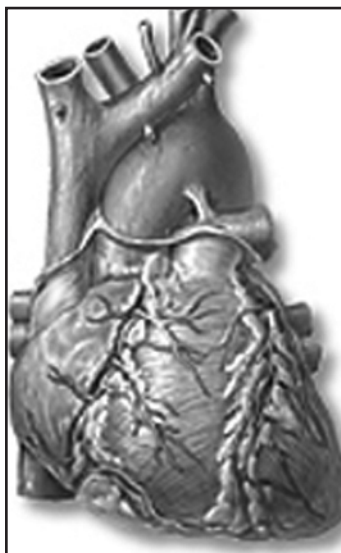
MADRID (AFP) – Spanish scientists on Tuesday presented a new technique to create bioartificial organs for transplant using stem cells which they said will vastly reduce the risk of rejection of the donated organ.

The technique involves "stripping" a donated heart, liver or other organ which is deemed unsuitable for donation of their cells, leaving just a "scaffold", Francisco Fernandez-Aviles, chief cardiologist at Madrid's Gregorio Marañon hospital told a news conference.

Stem cells from the patient are then applied to this framework to re-grow the organ which will share their DNA, thus making it more acceptable to their body.

Doctors will be able to carry out transplants involving organs that have been regenerated using this technique in five years time at the earliest, said Fernandez-Aviles.

"This will put an end to two problems: the lack of donors or organs suitable for



transplant and the rejection of transplanted organs by the patient," he said.

The hospital has eight heart "scaffolds" ready for use with this technique and it hopes to partially re-grow one heart using stem cells by the end of the year.

Science Minister Cristina Garmendia said the hospital "has the first lab in the world dedicated to producing bioartificial organs for transplant using adult stem cells."

Three years ago the hospital became the first in the world to use stem cells from a patient's fat tissue, extracted through liposuction, to treat his heart.

Massive investment has been directed into stem-cell research, driven by hopes that immature, pre-cursor cells can be prompted into becoming specific adult cells for the heart, brain and so on.

Spain has become a world leader in organ donation since it set up a network of transplant coordinators in 1989 at all hospitals in the country which closely monitor emergency wards to identify potential donors.

When they learn of a death, they tactfully talk to the grieving families to get permission to use the organs to help save the lives of others.

Only about 15 percent of families approached in Spain refused consent for organ donation, a huge drop from the 40 percent who refused in the 1980s before the system was set up.

## Europe tests cyber defences against hackers

BRUSSELS (AFP) – European computer guards battled Thursday against a simulated attempt by hackers to bring down critical Internet services in the first pan-continental test of cyber defences.

All 27 of the European Union's member nations as well as Iceland, Norway and Switzerland took part in the simulation as participants or observers, working together against the fictitious online assault, the European Commission said.

The exercise was based on a scenario in which one country after the other increasingly suffered problems accessing the Internet, making it difficult for citizens, businesses and public institutions to access essential services.

Security experts had to work together to prevent a simulated "total network crash," said Jonathan Todd, a commission spokesman for digital affairs.

"I would like to emphasise, so as to avoid any 'War of the Worlds' scenario here, this is purely an exercise and practice," Todd told a news briefing.

"There will be absolutely no effect on Internet connectivity in Europe."

The threat of assaults on computer systems has been identified as a key challenge in Europe, the United States, and NATO.

The threat came to life in a costly cyber strike against Estonia in 2007 and the Stuxnet computer worm attack in Iran this year.

The United States held its own major exercise against a large-scale cyber attack on critical infrastructure in late September with 12 international partners and 60 private companies.

The European exercise will be followed by more tests with more complex scenarios on the global level, the EU's executive arm said.

The EU hopes the exercise will help the bloc understand how such an incident can take place and ensure that authorities know who to contact in other members states in any cyber strikes, the commission said.

The European Commission proposed on September 30 a new regulation that would impose heavier criminal sanctions against hackers and producers of malicious software.

Cyber security will be one of the top issues that NATO leaders will tackle at a summit of the 28-nation military alliance in Lisbon on November 20-29.

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## Singapore IVF baby does not have DNA of 'father'

SINGAPORE (AFP) – A baby conceived through in vitro fertilisation (IVF) at a private hospital in Singapore has different DNA to the supposed father, a lawyer representing the clients said Wednesday.

The couple made the shocking discovery after they were told that the baby's blood type was B while they were groups O and A, a scientific impossibility if they were the two biological parents, S. Palaniappan told AFP.

"They discovered it a few days after the birth of the baby. They were informed by the paediatrician that the baby's blood group is B," he said.

"So they were a bit surprised because the mother is O and the father is A. Biologically it's not possible when you have such a combination."

The couple, a Chinese Singaporean woman and a Caucasian man whose identities the lawyer kept confidential, also started to notice the baby has a distinctly different complexion.

A DNA test carried out last month in a Hong Kong laboratory at the couple's request showed the baby, who was born on October 1 in an emergency caesarean, had the mother's DNA but not the official father's, Palaniappan said.

The couple are waiting for the results of another DNA test in Singapore by the Health Sciences Authority, a statutory board under the Ministry of Health (MOH).

## Samsung aims to sell 1 mln Galaxy Tabs by year's end

SEOUL (AFP) – South Korea's Samsung Electronics launched its tablet computer in the domestic market and said it aims to sell more than a million of the Galaxy Tabs worldwide by the end of this year.

J.K. Shin, president of the company's mobile business, on Thursday said the firm plans to offer the Galaxy Tab in various sizes next year as it scrambles to challenge Apple's iPad in the rapidly-growing tablet PC market.

"We have received a very good market response in countries in Southeast Asia



and Europe.... I estimate we will be able to sell more than a million units worldwide by the end of this year," Shin told reporters.

The Galaxy Tab has a seven-inch (18-centimetre) touch screen -- smaller than

the iPad's nearly 10-inch display -- and will be available for South Korean consumers next week via SK Telecom, the country's largest wireless operator.

"You can literally use it by holding it in one hand or put it into the inside pocket of your suit," Shin said, putting the device into his pocket during a press conference.

The Galaxy Tab will make its debut in Korea before the iPad -- the iPad's sole distributor KT Corp has said it plans to launch the device locally later this month.

Samsung Electronics has already introduced its first tablet computer in countries like Germany and the United States after Apple rolled out its iPad internationally in January.

The Galaxy Tab, powered by Google's Android software and featuring cameras front and back, can make phone and video calls, while the iPad has no camera or built-in phone.

The new device also allows users to access websites based on Adobe System's Flash, unlike Apple, which blocks the widely-used multimedia platform on its devices.

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## Health &amp; Living

# Olive Oil and tree nuts seem to improve cholesterol levels



Upping your intake of monounsaturated fats - found in olive oil, tree nuts and avocados - can help improve cholesterol levels, a small new study suggests.

These fats can raise levels of HDL cholesterol (the "good" kind) by 12.5 percent, and reduce levels of LDL cholesterol by 35 percent, when eaten with a low-cholesterol diet, said study researcher Dr. David Jenkins.

"The exciting thing about the study is if you take a diet which is quite spectacular in lowering cholesterol, you can make it even better by adding monounsaturated fats," Jenkins, director of the Risk Factor Modification Centre at St. Michael's Hospital in Canada said.

Good cholesterol helps protect against heart attacks by carrying cholesterol away from the arteries, and some experts think it may also slow the buildup of arterial plaques, according to the American Heart Association. Bad cholesterol builds on the inner walls of the arteries, narrowing and hardening them, and increasing the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Because the study involved only people with mildly or moderately high cholesterol, Jenkins said people with very high cholesterol shouldn't try to replace their statin medications with a dietary solution unless they're prepared to take diet seriously.

## Fatty findings

To begin the two-month study, researchers provided low-cholesterol meals - including fruits, vegetables and wheat products - for one month to 24 people with mildly and moderately high blood-cholesterol levels.

The next month, the researchers split the people into two groups, one of which added monounsaturated fats to their diets. Both groups were provided with vegetarian meals that included soy, nuts, barley, okra and plant sterol-enriched margarine.

The group that added the monounsaturated fats had 13 percent of their calories from carbohydrates replaced with fat-rich sunflower oil or avocado oil.

At the end of the two months, both groups experienced a 35 percent decrease in bad cholesterol, similar to a decrease caused by taking a statin drug, Jenkins said.

The group with the monounsaturated fats saw higher good cholesterol levels two weeks into the diet, and, by the end of the month, they had a 12.5 percent increase in good cholesterol.

Jenkins said the finding shows that not only can these fats improve good levels in a short period of time, they don't raise levels of bad cholesterol.

As with all foods, people should eat monounsaturated fats in moderation, Jenkins noted.

"You have to get rid of the danishes and the bagels in order to make room for the calories from the monounsaturated fats," he said.

Because the study involved a small group of people, Jenkins said further study must be done to support the findings.

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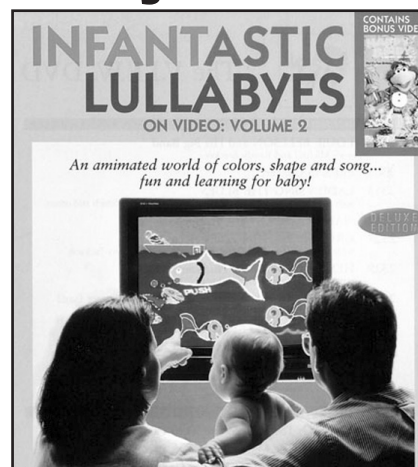
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## 'Educational' DVDs don't expand baby vocabulary: study



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Instead, this "control group" provided a baseline of normal vocabulary growth against which the other three groups were measured.

After one month, all of the children were tested on their knowledge of a list of words that appeared in the DVD.

The researchers found that the infants who regularly watched the DVD during the period learned "very little" from their exposure to it.

The study also found that parents who enjoyed the DVD thought their child had learned more from it than parents who were unimpressed by it -- even though "there was no difference in how many words were learned by the children of these two groups of parents," according to researchers.

"If you want to show your infant 'baby videos,' that's fine. Just don't expect the child to learn a great deal from it," said lead author Judy DeLoache of the University of Virginia.

A set of "Baby Einstein" DVDs, one of the most popular brands of educational videos geared toward infants, costs around 46 dollars in the United States. But DeLoache said that her study showed the investment probably won't pay off.

What parents interpret as knowledge acquired by watching the DVDs is actually just normal developmental change, she said.

"Your children are going to learn language anyway," said DeLoache, adding that the best way to help young children learn new words is to simply talk to them.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Toddlers exposed to DVDs and videos marketed as "educational" showed no greater improvement in their vocabularies than children not exposed to such programming, a study said Wednesday.

In fact, researchers from the University of Virginia and Vanderbilt University said their findings suggest babies learn best in everyday activities, without any exposure to videos.

The study, published in the journal Psychological Science, tested 72 infants between the ages of 12 and 18 months.

The infants were divided into four groups of 18, some of whom were shown a 39-minute video with images of common household objects a speaker identified by name.

Toddlers from the first group watched the video in the presence of a parent. Children from the second group watched the DVD without an adult.

In the third group, parents were told to teach their children as many words as they could from a list of 25 also featured on the DVD, without allowing them to watch it.

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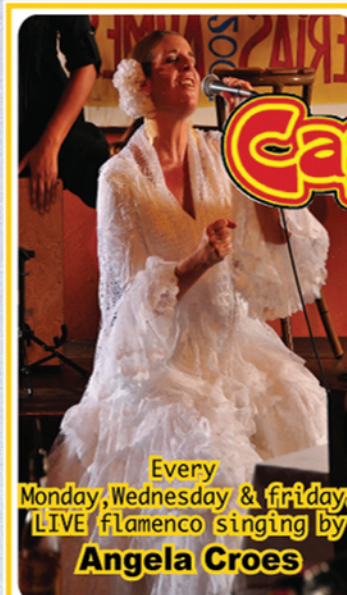


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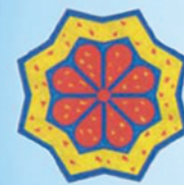
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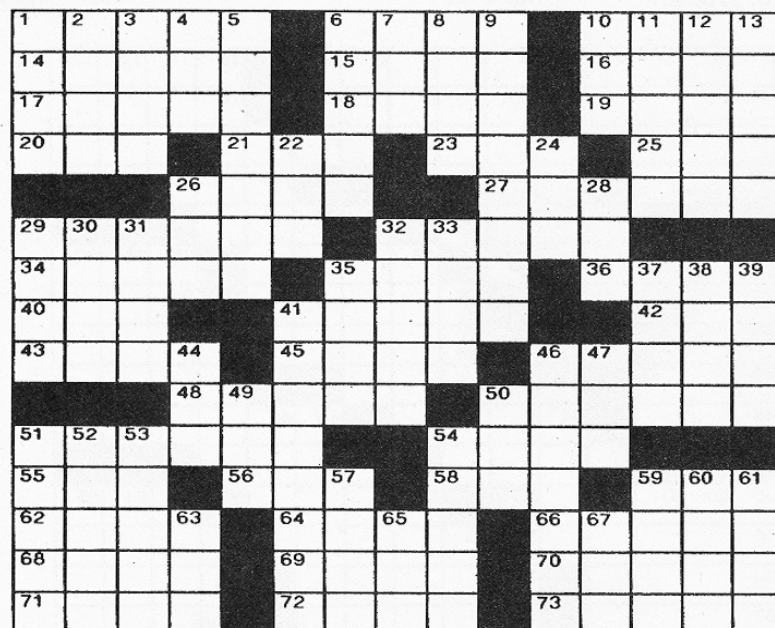
## ACROSS

1. St. Lawrence, e.g.
6. Heavenly instrument
10. Luminary
14. Pay homage to
15. Bouquet
16. Island dance
17. Toss
18. Great affection
19. Came down
20. Rocker Nugent
21. Each and every
23. Zsa Zsa's sister
25. "\_\_\_ Got Sixpence"
26. Remain
27. Married secretly
29. Groups of eight
32. Cruise ship
34. Stadium
35. Wagon
36. Swill
40. Craggy rock
41. Mexican treats
42. Make do
43. Sink's alternative
45. Small bird
46. Kuhn of baseball
48. Zodiac sign
50. Bank, at times
51. Becker's game

54. Pine nut
55. Ga.'s neighbor
56. Mel of baseball
58. Coal carrier
59. Was in front
62. Wildcat
64. Toledo's lake
66. Sidestep
68. Paradise
69. Take the bus
70. Oven
71. Actor Foxx
72. Fly high
73. Precipitous

## DOWN

1. Float
2. Out of work
3. Empty space
4. Sea eagle
5. Boat race
6. Actress
7. Commotion
8. Go afield
9. Deters
10. \_\_\_ Na Na
11. Bulb flower
12. Animated
13. Gave a grade to
22. \_\_\_ Vegas
24. "Cakes and \_\_\_"
26. D.C. legislator
28. Alternative words
29. What mares eat
30. Blackbird
31. Actress Garr
32. Shoestrings
33. Press
35. Be solicitous
37. Bawdy
38. Migrant worker
39. Equal
41. Tornadoes
44. Homo sapiens
46. Sprees
47. Dollar bill
49. \_\_\_ Grande
50. Old card game
51. Come to a point
52. Baffle
53. Titled
54. Joy
57. Musical group
59. Country road
60. Border
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65. Ms. Lupino
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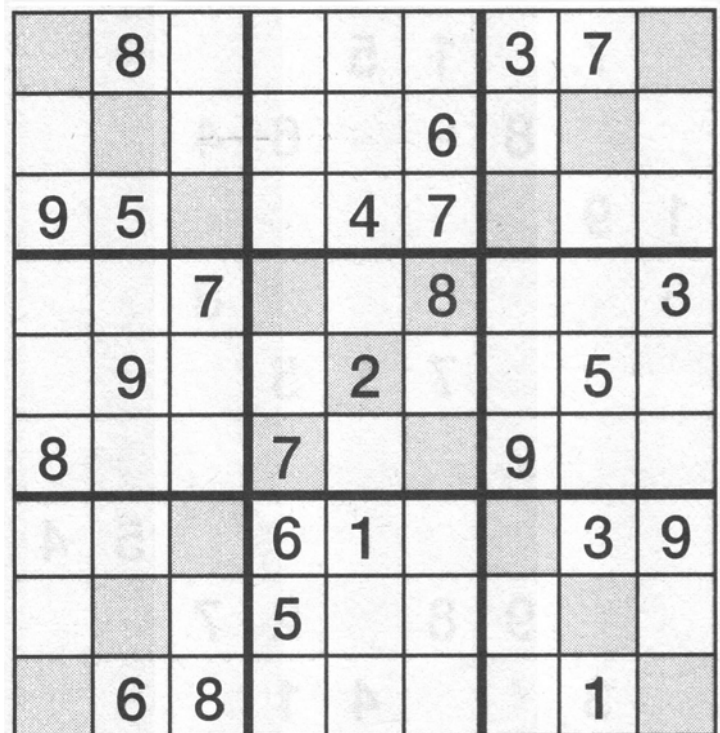
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8	5	7	1	2	3	4	6	9
3	4	1	8	9	6	7	2	5
2	8	9	7	4	1	3	5	6
1	6	5	9	3	8	2	7	4
4	7	3	5	6	2	9	8	1

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
 A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
 In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



## Finance

## The Netherlands stops Shell's CO2 storage project

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - The Dutch government said yesterday it will not allow oil giant Shell to store millions of tons of carbon dioxide in a depleted gas reservoir under a small town, upholding the fears of townspeople.

"The CO2 storage project in (the western town of) Barendrecht is not going ahead," the ministry of economy, agriculture, and environment said in a statement.

A "total lack of local support" was one of the main reasons for the decision, it quoted minister Maxime Verhagen as saying in a letter to parliament.

The previous Dutch government last November provisionally authorized Anglo-Dutch Shell to undertake a project to store some of the 5.0 megatons of CO2 emitted each year by the company's refinery in Pernis, Europe's largest, about 15 kilometres (10 miles) from Barendrecht.

But it said it would leave the final decision to the next government elected in June, a ministry spokesman explained.

Under the scheme, set to have started in 2012, the CO2 was to be carried by a pipeline, compressed, and injected into a depleted gas reservoir 1,800 meters (5,900 feet) under ground.

## China, France sign major energy, aviation deals

PARIS, France (AFP) - France and China signed major industrial deals worth 20 billion dollars yesterday at the start of a lavish state visit by Chinese President Hu Jintao, cementing previously strained ties.

The signings kicked off a three-day visit by Hu that France hopes will result in a massive boost to its high-tech

Shell, which planned to store more than 300,000 tons of carbon dioxide a year for 30 years at Barendrecht, has said the CO2 will dissolve or form minerals over time.

Residents and local officials of the 50,000-strong town, however, vehemently opposed the project and threatened legal action.

The ministry statement said CO2 storage was key to reducing the Netherlands' greenhouse gas emissions, and insisted it was "safe."

The country emitted about 170 megatons of CO2 in 2009. It has no underground CO2 storage facility, but is planning a large project in depleted gas reservoirs that lie mainly under grazing land in the northern provinces of Groningen, Friesland and Drenthe.

Shell spokesman Wendel Broere lamented the government's decision on Barendrecht, but said "we hope that other projects will still be able to go ahead."

Activist group Greenpeace welcomed the move.

"Now that CO2 dumping is disappearing from the political agenda, space is being made for investment in energy saving and clean energy," it said in a statement.

manufacturing exports and get China onside during the upcoming French presidency of the G20 power grouping.

China's deputy foreign minister Fu Ying revealed the scale of the deals to reporters after talks between the two presidents and the signing ceremony at the Elysee Palace yesterday evening.

Separately announcing details of the contracts, Sarkozy's office said European plane-maker Airbus struck a deal to supply 102 airliners to Chinese firms at a cost of 14 billion dollars (around 10 billion euros).

Meanwhile, French nuclear giant Areva signed a contract to supply 3.5 billion dollars' worth of uranium to Chinese power firm CNGPC, Areva chief Anne Lauvergeon said.

She added that Areva had also signed a contract to build a uranium treatment plant in China, but did not cite the amount.

## Sugar prices hit 30-year peak on Fed move, weather woes



Manual harvesting of sugarcane in Brazil

LONDON, England (AFP) - World sugar prices hit their highest point in almost three decades yesterday, driven by a plunging dollar, fresh US monetary stimulus and increasing weather worries in key producing nations.

The price of unrefined sugar for delivery in March jumped to 31.64 US cents a pound on the New York Board of Trade (NYBOT) -- the best level since January 1981, after having hit similar highs earlier this week.

Sugar, which has shot up by 140 percent since May, is used mainly in the food and drinks sector but is also used for the production of ethanol -- a cheaper version of gasoline, or motor fuel.

"New highs again today and the bulls have the wind at

their backs," said sugar analyst Thomas Kujawa at the Sucden brokerage in London, in reference to investors who are betting prices will go higher.

"It all seems to be going their way with the dollar on fresh lows and American economic policy makers seemingly coming to the conclusion that all they can do is fresh quantitative easing, which consequently means, for us, there's more money around chasing the same amount of commodities."

The weak dollar boosts demand for sugar, which becomes cheaper for buyers using stronger currencies, and therefore pushes prices higher.

In recent weeks and months, sugar has also rocketed higher as floods and droughts hamper production of

the widely-used raw material.

"Earlier expectations (of a surplus this year) were dashed by an impressive flow of bad news on the production front," said Emmanuel Jayet, analyst at French bank Societe Generale.

"From floods in Pakistan to drought in Russia and dryness in Brazil, the already limited surplus forecast had to be revised down."

"With the surplus now seen around two million tons ... it forced the market to realize that the very tight supply situation of the 2009/2010 season would last much more than anticipated," Jayet added.

Prices are widely expected to remain at elevated levels despite higher sugar output in Brazil and India, the world's first and second biggest producers.

## Portugal says it will not call for IMF, EU bailout

LISBON, Portugal (AFP) - The Portuguese government yesterday said it had no need for a rescue package from the International Monetary Fund or the European Union, even as it has to pay ever higher rates for fresh cash on the money markets.

Portugal "rules out the possibility of seeking external help for the financing of its economy," government spokesman Pedro Silva Pereira said.

"Our message rather is that Portugal is doing what it must do. It is taking the budget consolidation measures which the international markets themselves judge to be absolutely necessary," Pereira said.

"These measures are recognised as credible and adequate and parliament has passed a

tight budget," he added.

The government statement came as Portuguese borrowing rates on the financial markets soared to historic highs despite parliamentary approval on Wednesday of a tough austerity budget aimed at slashing the public deficit.

The markets were unimpressed, dealers said, with investors demanding ever higher returns to buy Portuguese debt, along with that of other weaker eurozone members Spain and Ireland.

The yield -- the rate of return for investors -- on the benchmark Portuguese 10-year bond jumped to 6.436 percent from 6.168 percent on Wednesday.

Pereira said the markets were ignoring the budget measures and were driven in

part by speculative interests "which is irrational."

Spain, Portugal and Ireland have all been under intense pressure since debt-strapped Greece was only saved from default in May by a 110-billion-euro rescue package put together by the EU and International Monetary Fund.

Dealers said the uncertain economic outlook for these weaker eurozone countries was making investors nervous about buying their debt.

"Investors are getting very jittery as more bad news comes through. Many of the governments in these weaker countries are under pressure and the political situation is fragile. The market does not like that," said Rene Defossez of Natixis in Paris.

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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up

nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing.

Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the

clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or

long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which



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Baba 'Avtar' Singh, a member of the traditional Sikh religious warriors' Nihang Army, clad in a 300 meter-long turban poses as he pays his respects at the illuminated Golden Temple in Amritsar on November 4, 2010, on the eve of the festival of Bandi Chhor Divas or Diwali. Sikhs celebrate Bandi Chhor Divas or Diwali to mark the return of the Sixth Guru, Guru Hargobind Ji, who was freed from imprisonment and also managed to release 52 political prisoners at the same time from the famous fort of Gwalior by Mughal Emperor Jahangir in October 1619. (AFP PHOTO)

## Australia town seeks new residents with one-dollar rent



The 100th Trundle show in the town of Trundle

SYDNEY (AFP) - An out-back Australian town is bucking the country's cut-throat housing market by offering farmhouses for rent at one dollar (99 US cents) a week to families prepared to move to the country.

The town of Trundle, with a population of about 380, is seeking people from all over Australia to fill six homes, some of which have been vacant for years as the region suffered a long and devastating drought.

But with the town enjoying its best season in a decade and wheat and cereal crops flourishing, locals have

banded together to bring in new people to reinvigorate the community.

"It is an idea for people to have a tree change (move to the country) and come out to the Outback of Australia," campaign spokeswoman Cherie Quade told AFP on Wednesday.

"Trundle is not dying but we just wanted to avoid that slippery slope where you lose vital services and the town sort of goes in a quick spiral down hill. We are just doing what we can to preempt any disasters."

The notion of ditching busy city lifestyles, beset by

## Alphabetic order may decide kids' surnames in Spain

MADRID (AFP) - A new law in Spain could lead to a boom in children whose main family names start with the letter 'A'.

Until now, Spanish kids have carried both parents' surnames -- their fathers' always in first place and their mothers' in second. In every day use, many people give only the first surname.

But legislation submitted to parliament on Wednesday would give mothers equal rights to fathers in deciding which parent's surname goes first.

If they can't agree, it will be alphabetic order that decides.

"Names like Abad or Alvarez have a promising future in Spain," said the conservative daily ABC.

"For others like Zurbano or Zamora, survival will be more complicated."

The leading centre-left daily El Pais said the Spanish government simply wanted to extend the principle of equality to the symbolic social realm of family names.

The legislation will be examined by the Justice Commission of the parliament's lower house until November 10 for possible amendments. It could be two years before it comes into force.

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## Feisty Spanish women top flirting league table



MADRID (AFP) - Step aside sleek Parisiennes, fun-loving Britons and sultry Italians: Spanish women are the world's greatest flirts, according to an online study released by a dating website on Tuesday.

Spanish women are the most likely to "make the first move" with a man, according to the social network Badoo.com, which studied "flirtation behaviour" based on 90 million romantic contacts made on its site in a month.

The resulting "World Flirtation League" ranked 20 countries by the number of contacts with a man initiated by the women in each country.

Forget Spain's conservative Catholic traditions: Spanish women topped the

table by a comfortable stretch, making an average of 1.33 contacts per month.

Just behind came Poland, the Dominican Republic, Italy and Argentina -- with Latin countries, speaking either Spanish, Italian, or Portuguese, holding eight of the top 10 places.

Canada was the highest-ranking English-speaking country, in ninth place, and the only non-Catholic country in the top 10.

Germany ranked 12th in the table, Britain 14th, France 17th and the United States a lowly second from last, according to Badoo, which claims some 80 million registered users in Europe, Latin America and elsewhere.

The Spanish figure was almost double that for British women -- who made 0.78 "moves" towards men on the site -- France, where the figure was 0.69, or the United States at 0.63.

Overall, Badoo found that men were still far more likely than women to make the first move, both in Spain and elsewhere.

"But we wanted to know whether women in some countries were more likely to take the lead than those in others -- and what this said about those societies," the site's marketing director Lloyd Price said in a statement.

And if Spanish women are the world's biggest flirts, the study authors suggested, then their menfolk also win an honorary title: that of "the world's luckiest" men.





## Fantastic bike ride through Arikok Park with De Suikertuin



A great bike ride through Arikok National Park, organized by De Suikertuin Restaurant in close cooperation with the Dutch marines,

delighted a group of twenty people.

They did not revel in the Halloween spirit the night before, no, they went to bed

early to be fit for the 8.30 am start of the tour last Sunday.

Just as the group was set to leave, the 'Marinierskazerne Savaneta' property, a serious downpour blessed the riders in abundance. Wet to the bone, they cycled on, through knee-deep impromptu rivers now and then. The trip took them via Zeewijk, San Nicolas and Lago Heights to the gorgeous north coast, where a herd of wild donkeys and lots of goats regarded the cyclists with wonder.

Lunch, catered by De Suikertuin, took place at one of the caves, where shade, drink and food revived the hot, steaming group so that they could tackle the hills on their way back. It was a fantastic ride through stunning natural beauty. The countryside is so beautiful after the unusually heavy rainfall that everyone should put on their walking shoes, sunscreen and a hat and go for a hike. Don't forget your water bottle!

De Suikertuin will shortly organize another bike ride after last Sunday's resounding success.

## Ivanovic, Date Krumm stun seeds in Bali

BALI (AFP) - Former number one Ana Ivanovic and evergreen 40-year-old Kimiko Date Krumm carried their tennis back to the glory days Thursday as both stunned seeds in opening-day play at the Bali Tournament of Champions.

Serbia's Ivanovic, who two-and-a-half years ago stood atop the WTA rankings after winning the Roland Garros title, stormed to victory as she crushed third-seeded Russian teenager Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-0, 6-1.

Date Krumm, whose gradual return to tennis in 2008 was greeted with disbelief, continued to prove the doubters wrong with a fighting upset of tournament top seed Li Na of China 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in just under two-and-a-half hours.

The Japanese veteran won

five of the last six games, going through on her fourth match point as Li double-faulted.

Ivanovic's entire match was only slightly longer than the 48-minute first set which put Date Krumm in the lead against Li, China's best player at number 11.

The all-Asian clash between the only regional players who qualified for the eight-woman field was riddled with break points -- with 13 of 30 converted.

Date Krumm finally got a grip on her game in the third set, clawing back from 1-3 down and concluding with a final break of Li to go through on a fourth match point.

She and Ivanovic will play in the Saturday semi-finals at the tournament for winners of WTA International-level event during 2010.

## Aloha Bridge Club Aruba (ABCA) game results



### RESULTS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

A total of 10 pairs attended the morning bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

**The results 50% and higher are as follows:**

1. Stascha Hornix / Henk Berghuizen 66.07%
2. Geke In 't Veld / Annemieke de Cuba 57.50%
3. Els Lacle / Ghislaine Mendes 55.63%
4. Willy Flanegin / Maritza van Romondt 54.69%
5. Helen and Chris Goody 52.50%
6. Liesbeth van den Ham / Annette Ybeles 51.25%
7. Nelly Aal / Gerry Meenhorst 50.52%

### RESULTS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

A total of 6 pairs attended the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar.

**The results 50% and higher are as follows:**

A total of 8 pairs joined the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of Casa

del Mar.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Fred van der Leest / Chris Joosten 61.81%
2. Sheila Lampe / Edith Henriquez 59.03%
3. Kathy Yarzagaray / Carola Pinxter 56.25%
4. Els Lacle / Toos Nierop 52.08%

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

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## Super Six semi-final field to be settled on Saturday

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Glen Johnson, a former world light heavyweight champion, drops down to fight American Allan Green on Saturday to contest a semi-final berth in the Super Six super-middleweight tournament.

Both fighters are injury replacements in the six-man event, in which World Boxing Council (WBC) and World Boxing Association (WBA) crowns are on the line.

The group stages conclude this month, with semi-final and title bouts scheduled for next year.

Jamaican-born Johnson, 50-14 with two draws and 34 knockouts, has not fought at super-middleweight in 10 years but at the age of 41 he is seeking a title chance by

filling in for Danish fighter Mikkel Kessler, who had an eye injury.

Green, 29-2 with 20 knockouts, replaced injured countryman Jermain Taylor in the field. He lost a unanimous decision to unbeaten US fighter Andre Ward, 22-0 with 13 knockouts, in June on his Super Six debut.

WBA champion Ward is set for the semi-finals and Germany's Arthur Abraham and Britain's Carl Froch will both advance no matter the result of their WBC title fight on November 27 in Helsinki.

Ward had been set to fight American Andre Dirrell, another replacement fighter, in a title defence but Dirrell dropped out last month with neurological problems.

Instead, Ward will step

outside the tournament to risk his title on November 27 in his hometown of Oakland, California, against Cameroon-born Australian fighter Sakio Bika, 28-4 with two draws and 19 knockouts.

The Green-Johnson fight will be staged on the undercard of undefeated Puerto Rican southpaw Juan Manuel Lopez's fight with Mexico's Rafael Marquez for Lopez's World Boxing Organization (WBO) featherweight crown.

## Edmonton dropped from IndyCar schedule

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - IndyCar has dropped Edmonton from its 2011 schedule after a dispute between race promoters and city officials, but hopes to add another Canadian event near Montreal, series officials said.

## Series-losing Rangers tie manager to two-year deal

ARLINGTON (AFP) - Ron Washington, who guided the Texas Rangers to their first World Series, agreed on Thursday to a new two-year contract as manager of the Major League Baseball club.

The deal, keeping Washington with the Rangers until the 2012 season, was completed only three days after Texas lost the World Series to San Francisco, falling four games to one in the best-of-seven championship final.

Rangers president Nolan Ryan and general manager

Jon Daniels had said they wanted Washington back but waited until after the most successful season in the team's half-century history to finalise a new deal.

The Rangers had not won a play-off series until this year, but eliminated Tampa Bay and the reigning World Series champions New York Yankees on the way to the American League title.

Washington was hired as manager in November 2006 after the Rangers fired Buck Showalter.

## Coyotes defeat Predators 4-3



Ray Whitney #13 of the Phoenix Coyotes skates with the puck past Jordin Tootoo #22 of the Nashville Predators during the NHL game at Jobing.com Arena on November 3, in Glendale, Arizona. The Coyotes defeated the Predators 4-3. (AFP photo)

## Late hit on Super Bowl hero draws Steeler's third fine

PITTSBURGH (AFP) - Pittsburgh linebacker James Harrison was fined Thursday for a late hit on Super Bowl hero Drew Brees, the third time this year the Steelers' defender was fined for a dangerous tackle.

Harrison was fined 20,000 dollars by the National Football League for tackling the New Orleans Saints quarterback from behind on Sunday, drawing a roughing-the-passer penalty during the Saints' 20-10 triumph over the Steelers.

In all, Harrison's fines total 100,000 dollars, the heaviest punishment being the 75,000-dollar fine incurred for an October 17 helmet hit that gave Cleveland receiver Mohamed Massaquoi a concussion.

The NFL also hit Harrison with a 5,000-dollar fine on September 19 for a hard hit

on Tennessee quarterback Vince Young.

"The amount of money is becoming an issue," Harrison said. "The fines that they issued to me, two of them weren't even called penalties."

Harrison said he briefly considered retiring from the NFL the week the league issued an edict adopting a tougher position regarding hits to the head and neck, the week he slammed into Massaquoi.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell met Tuesday in New York with Harrison to talk about the NFL's dangerous hits policy, which Harrison called "semi-productive".

The Steelers' loss to the reigning Super Bowl champion Saints dropped them to 5-2, level with Baltimore atop the AFC North division.



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## The softer side of Maradona



Argentine football star Diego Maradona holds a young cancer patient during a ceremony organised by the Chinese Red Cross Foundation in Beijing yesterday. Maradona is in China for a charity tour to raise money for a Chinese Red Cross Foundation project aimed at helping poor people who suffer from cancer.

## Zenyatta, Goldikova pace Breeders Cup charge



LOUISVILLE (AFP) - Unbeaten mare Zenyatta will try to defend her Breeders Cup Classic crown on Saturday while mile-marvel Goldikova bids to be the first horse to win three times at the annual equine showdown.

Zenyatta, an 8-5 betting favorite to improve her perfect to 19-0 record in the Cup's feature race at Churchill Downs, pleased owners Jerry and Ann Moss and trainer John Shirreffs in a Thursday morning workout at the famed track.

"She galloped beautifully," Shirreffs said of Zenyatta's 1.5-mile training run. "She's very happy. On the second day of taking her to the track, you might think she'd be a little flat, but she was full of energy."

"That's what you look for - the enthusiasm and good energy."

The 14-race, two-day extravaganza features a total purse of more than 25.5 million dollars and bills itself as the world championships of racing.

French superstar Goldikova, who won the Mile on turf in 2008 and 2009, will be trying to become the first three-time winner in the Cup's 27-year history.

The Freddy Head-trained mare drew the 10th post in a field of 11 and was priced at 6-5. Head, 63, has said Goldikova has faced tougher competition in her career than the mares Zenyatta has gone against.

"It's hard to say. It's different," Head said. "All I can say is that Goldikova has been running against colts all her life. The best of our generation. Maybe it's not the same with Zenyatta."

Breeders Cup organizers have planned races Friday and Saturday to be staged

under floodlights, the rare evening session adding to the drama of Zenyatta's quest on a track where she has never run, one where fans flocked to workouts.

Zenyatta won the 2009 Breeders Cup Classic in dramatic style on the synthetic surface at Santa Anita last year and took the 2008 Ladies' Classic.

The oldest horse in the 1 1/4-mile Classic, Zenyatta will be ridden by Mike Smith from the number eight starting gate against 11 rivals in the five million-dollar event.

Blame was second with oddsmakers in the Classic field at 9-2 followed by Quality Road at 5-1 and Preakness winner Lookin at Lucky at 6-1. No other foe was less than 10-1.

Lookin at Lucky trainer Bob Baffert said Zenyatta needs to win the Classic on Kentucky dirt for Horse of the Year honors.



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